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SUBJ: STUDENT PROCESSION HALTED BY POLICE

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1. AT DACCA UNIVERSITY THIS MORNING (MARCH 4) A STUDENT PROCESSION LEFT THE CAMPUS AROUND 9:00 A.M. AND ATTEMPTED TO MARCH TO THE SHAHEED MINAR NEARBY. THE PROCESSION, REPORTEDLY NUMBERING BETWEEN ONE AND THREE THOUSAND STUDENTS, WAS

ORGANIZED TO DEMAND THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY KHANDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMED (WHO IS BEING TRIED TODAY IN THE SECOND SERIES OF CASES AGAINST HIM), JSD LEADER SIRAJUL ALAM KHAN AND MRS. SAJEDA CHOUDHURY, ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE AWAMI LEAGUE. WE ARE TOLD THAT AS SOON AS THE PROCESSION LEFT THE CENTRAL CAMPUS AREA AND ENTERED A PUBLIC STREET, DACCA POLICE DISPERSED THE CROWD. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF VIOLENCE OR INJURY, BUT THREE OR FOUR STUDENT LEADERS WERE REPORTEDLY ARRESTED.

2. A STUDENT BOYCOTT OF ALL CLASSES HAS BEEN CALLED FOR
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TODAY, BUT WE HAVE NOT HEARD YET HOW MUCH COMPLIANCE THERE HAS BEEN.

3. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN SPORADIC TROUBLE IN THE DACCA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SINCE SEVERAL STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED NEAR THE SHAHEED MINAR FEBRUARY 21 FOR CARRYING JSD AND AWAMI LEAGUE BANNERS (REFTEL). WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE JSD

AND THE AWAMI LEAGUE STUDENT FRONTS, BOTH CALLED THE CHATTRO (STUDENT) QAGUE, HAVE TOGETHER BEEN TRYING IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS TO ORGANIZE STUDENT PROTESTS DEMANDING RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE DEMOCRATIC SHADENTS' LEAGUE, MUSHTAQUE'S STUDENT FRONT, HAS ONLY RECENTLY TRIED TO MAKE COMMON CAUSE WITH THE LARGER CHATTRO LEAGUES, BUT UNTIL NOW EACH FRONT'S ACTIVITIES APPEARS TO HAVE INTIMIDATED RATHER THAN AROUSED THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS. THE REACTION TO ARRESTS OF SEVERAL PROCESSION LEADERS TODAY MAY GIVE SOME INDICATION WHETHER A LARGER STUDENT INTEREST IN POLITICS IS GROWING, BUT EXAMINATION TIME IS APPROACHING. AFTER THE DISRUPTIONS OF THE PAST FEW YEARS, MANY (PERHAPS A LARGE MAJORITY) OF THE STUDENTS APPEAR TO WANT TO GET ON WITH THE JOB AND GET THEIR DEGREES.

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